U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LOYD B. AYERS <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Charlotte, NC

Docket No. 02-101; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 5, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a stress-related medical condition in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated September 26, 2001 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated September 26, 2001 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 5, 2002

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member